

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of Paper No.14. Upon entry of this paper, claims 1, 2, and 4-11 will remain active in this application. Claim 12 has been cancelled. Thus, this Amendment does not present any new issues which would require further search and/or consideration.

In Paper No. 14, it was expressly indicated that claims 1, 2, and 4-11 were allowed. Hence, in view of this Amendment and the cancellation of claim 12, Applicants respectfully assert that the outstanding rejection is moot. Accordingly, the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033035.084.

Respectfully submitted,

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